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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: SUPPORT VOICED FOR THE TRIPARTITE CORE  
GROUP IN BURMA

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(SBU) In a December 15 discussion with the MFA's Deputy DG for Southeast Asia, Ta Duy Chinh, Deputy PolCouns urged Vietnam to support extending the mandate of the Tripartite Core Group in Burma (TCG) beyond July 19. Per reftel, he stressed the continued importance of the TCG in delivering assistance to hard-hit areas of the Irrawaddy Delta. DDG Chinh promised to relay the substance of the demarche to his superiors, along with his strong personal endorsement. Chinh said that he views the TCG not only as a useful mechanism for facilitating humanitarian assistance in the aftermath of Cyclone Nargis, but as good way for Burma to "build trust" with the rest of ASEAN and -- through the UN -- the wider world. He said that he would encourage his government's representatives at the January 17 Humanitarian Task Force meeting to support TCG's extension.

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